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ULTRASOUND ECHOGRAPHY AND DRY FORMULATIONS THEREOF

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND SUBMISSION  
OF AMENDED RULE 63 DECLARATION**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application U.S. Ser. No. 09/151,651, filed September 11, 1998, which is a division of U.S. Ser. No. 08/883,592, filed June 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,908,610, which is in turn a division of U.S. Ser. No. 08/420,677, filed April 12, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,686,060, which is in turn a division of U.S. Ser. No. 07/134,671, filed October 12, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,445,813, which in turn claims benefit of European Patent Application No. 92810837, filed November 2, 1992. Each of these disclosures is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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